

## HOUSE ADOPTS NAVY BILL ASKING PARLEY

Requests Harding to Call Conference to Limit Armament Further.

\$293,000,000 IN BUDGET

Amendment to Eliminate Danger of Offending the President Is Beaten.

COCKRAN MAKES PLEA

Move to Empower Harding to Enter World Peace Agreement Is Lost.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.

The House today adopted unanimously the Naval Appropriations bill with its request to the President to call another international conference to limit naval armament further. The limitation sought is on auxiliary combatant craft not covered by the recent naval treaty between the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan.

The action followed a general discussion of the desirability of such a conference to insure the maintenance for the United States of the 5-5-3 naval ratio established at the recent conference. An effort by Representative Lineberger (Cal.) to soften the language of the amendment failed. Mr. Lineberger contended that the term "request" might be offensive to the President. He offered an amendment "suggesting" to the President "the desirability of entering into further negotiations as soon as he may deem it practicable."

When Mr. Lineberger saw he was virtually alone in seeking the change of verbiage, however, he withdrew his amendment.

Representative Logan (S. C.) offered an amendment to strike out the armament paragraph, saying it was a confession that the recent conference had amounted to nothing in naval limitation. The House rejected this amendment.

Representative Bourke Cockran (N. Y.), spoke for more reduction of armament. The recent speech of Bonar Law in the House of Commons saying Great Britain was unable to meet her obligations, was a confession, he said, of British bankruptcy and a further argument for curtailment of armaments. The United States had an opportunity in the League of Nations, he said, of entering into an international agreement for disarmament. He said the time had come for reaching some solution of the problem.

Representative Lathrop (Md.), offered an amendment empowering the President, in addition to calling the conference proposed, to enter into an international agreement to insure peace.

"I don't care what it is called," he said. "It may be the League of Nations or it may be something else. We are confronted with the real necessity of a definite policy for a world association to preserve peace."

The Lathrop amendment was rejected on a point of order. The bill passed by the House provides \$293,000,000 for the Navy for the next year, of which \$55,000,000 is for work on ships permitted under the naval treaty.

**MISS SOUTHWAYD SANE, IS EXPERT'S THEORY**

Alienist Cites Graphic Letters in Will Case.

Dr. Menas S. Gregory, chief alienist of Bellevue Hospital, testifying as an expert for the proponents of Miss Emily P. Southwayd's will, told Surrogate Foley and a jury yesterday that his opinion of Miss Southwayd's sanity was supported by letters written by her which already have figured in the case. The admission of her will to probate is opposed by a nephew and three nieces, who object to bequests to charity amounting to more than \$2,600,000.

Cross-examined by Edmund L. Mooney, counsel for the contestants, Dr. Gregory said that a person suffering from senile dementia—as the contestants have alleged from expert testimony—could not write such letters as Miss Southwayd did. He described them as furnishing "a sort of photographic picture of the mental operation of the mind."

**YELLOW TAXI TO TRIPLE CABS.**

The Yellow Taxi Corporation of New York, operating 500 cabs, at once announced a recapitalization plan. It is purchasing 1,000 additional cabs and its corporate stock is being increased to 100,000 shares of common stock. The present stock of the corporation will be retired. Employees will be given an opportunity to purchase stock.

**KILLED ON JERSEY TUNNEL JOB**

John Hughes, 21, employed in the engine room at construction operations for the New York-New Jersey vehicular tunnel under East Twelfth street, Jersey City, was killed early today when he fell into a fly wheel. He was operating the air compressor at the time. Other workmen who entered the place a short time later found his mangled body.

**EARTHQUAKE IN MONTANA.**

Missoula, Mont., Dec. 18.—A slight earthquake was felt here at 9:55 tonight. Residents were awakened, pictures shaken from walls and dishes rattled. No damage was reported.

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## BROOKHART, RADICAL, HITS SUBSIDY IN SENATE DEBUT

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tional affairs which does not meet the demands of the farmer.

The eyes of more than sixty of Mr. Brookhart's associates in both parties radiated unusual interest as they focussed on his sturdy, almost stocky figure when he arose from his seat on the extreme right of the presiding officer, which is largely tenanted by Democrats. Mr. Brookhart is of the rolypoly type, short and snowy in stature and thick through the torso. His head is round, wide at the temples and deep and bulging at the peak, as if a lot of good gray matter and hard sense were parked there.

The hair that completely covers the round head is dark brown and inclined to be curly. A tuft which fond mothers describe as a "roach" hangs down over the right eye an inch above that organ. Mr. Brookhart has a smooth shaven "open face." In repose it is rather serious, but when animated is boyishly candid and genial. The face is wide at the cheek bone and pug-naciously solid at the jaw; the chin thick and bulky, slightly cleft. The nose is blunt.

Seems Very Human Sort.

On casual study one would not describe Mr. Brookhart as unusually gifted in imagination or possessed of a pronounced sense of humor. At an off glance he would be catalogued as an average business man or a smug, small town lawyer. There is nothing about him to bear witness to his long experience as a farmer. Generally he appears to be a very human sort of man of broad sympathies and under favoring conditions an interesting companion.

The test to which Mr. Brookhart was subjected today did not reveal any of the qualities that aroused the enthusiasm of the farmers of Iowa. His voice, which revealed no unusual tones, is well modulated and left no lurking impression in the mind. He essayed no oratorical flights, although his address would have intrigued a more finished orator to have ventured into the realm of the more sensitive emotions, coordinated to the harmonizing gestures.

Mr. Brookhart just read on, and on, and on. He was chock full of his subject and paid more attention to the substance than to the form of its delivery.

For Farmers First.

Mr. Brookhart naturally devoted much of his speech to picturing the conditions of the farmers of his part of the country. He displayed little interest or sympathy for the elements which are not fortunate enough to live on farms. His portrayal of agricultural conditions was neither flattering to the farmers nor symptomatic of any new causes for grievance.

If the portrait that Mr. Brookhart drew of the American farmer in the West is the correct one the agriculturalists of that section of the country are little more than mendicants or the gullible victims of the hypocritical sophistry of political demagogues. The sum and substance of Mr. Brookhart's contention was that the farmers of the country are entitled to preferment over any other class of the people. He directly charged that the admittedly oppressive agricultural conditions in his part of the country were due to the favoritism shown the railroads by the Government.

"The railroads of this country," said Mr. Brookhart, "are now getting over \$10,000,000,000 of capital at less than 4 1/2 per cent. Under the Esch-Cummings act we would pay them more than 5 per cent, or a bonus of about \$150,000,000 a year. This is unjust and the law should define a more reasonable rate so that it should not exceed the interest rate on the bonded portion of the capital. Under this law the Government itself has imposed excessive burdens upon the American farmer and is to an extent to blame for his present plight."

Says Officials Were Traitors.

Mr. Brookhart said that while he did not question the patriotism of the Director-General of the Railroads when they were operated by the Government during the war there were "below him" officials who were neither loyal to him nor to the Government of the United States.

"These officials," said Mr. Brookhart, "served the private owners of the railroads and wanted to discredit Government operation so the roads would be turned back to them. They were traitors as truly as Benedict Arnold. They deliberately muddled and mixed up the service, they hired an excessive number of inefficient employees and paid them excessive wages for the deliberate purpose of increasing the operating prices. They advertised their own crimes as the evils of Government operation."

Mr. Brookhart, who was arguing for the abandonment of the ship subsidy bill to make room for the rural credits measure carrying \$100,000,000, said the shipping bill was "a filibuster against the sovereign voice of the people."

Mr. Brookhart expressed his disapproval of the act of Congress in removing the excess profits tax. He also took a fling at the Federal reserve system, charging that Government agency had "first inflated us and then deflated us." He made it quite clear that he thoroughly disapproved of the Federal reserve system. In support

of the Norris bill to extend immediate credit to farmers, Mr. Brookhart admitted it was "drastic," but said the time has come when some radical legislation in the interest of the farmer should be enacted.

Williams Attacks Norris Bill.

Senator Williams interrupted Mr. Brookhart to express his disapproval of both the shipping bill and the Norris rural credits bill. The Mississippi Senator said he had thought it was "impossible for human ingenuity to devise a worse bill than the ship subsidy measure, but that has been accomplished by the Senator from Nebraska in preparing the farmers bonus bill." Mr. Williams referred to the radicals in Congress as the "holy sacred party which denounces special privileges on one hand and would have the Government go into the commission business in the interest of the farmer on the other."

"After nearly thirty years of public life," said Mr. Williams, "I have concluded that the best Government in the world is the government man exercises over himself. The power of the Government over the individual ought to be restricted. I believe the least governed people are the best governed. I have never surrendered the view that the Government has no right to carry on private business, that it is the right of the Federal Government to go into the pawnbroking business, the warehouse business, the grain elevator business, or to compete with any man or any set of men who have an established business. It is the prostitution of all Government."

Borah Attacks Shipping Bill.

Senator Borah, who preceded Mr. Brookhart, urged the Senate to lay aside the shipping bill and do something for the farmer. He declared that the arguments in support of the shipping bill had "reached the point of sublime absurdity." The Idaho Senator then said he would advise his Republican friends to abandon the shipping measure.

"We shall spend this year for war purposes," said Senator Borah, "\$2,650,000,000; for agriculture, \$24,873,000; for public health, \$15,877,000; for education, \$10,151,000; for labor interests, \$4,713,000 and for the causes of and remedies for war not one cent. If this measure can rest on its merits, if it can stand the test of debate, if it is in accordance with the wishes of the American people there will be ample time to pass it after the Congress has come into power which was elected after it was made an issue in this country."

"I submit to my Republican friends upon this side of the Chamber that we have trifled with our 7,000,000 majority of two years ago about as long as we ought. In the short space of two years we have disposed of a majority of 7,000,000, and those who object to the program are regarded as irregular or as not being Republicans at all. It takes two things to make a political party. First, you must have your organization, but secondly, it is absolutely necessary to have votes."

"The program which we are now carrying out is as inexpedient politically, aside from its injustice and its unwisdom, as anything I can well imagine. The ship subsidy, whatever its merits and demerits, can wait. The farmer cannot wait. He must have his security, his transportation or the decrease in acreage in this country during the next year will be startling to the American people."

Mr. Brookhart will conclude his attack on the ship subsidy bill tomorrow and an effort will be made to force a vote on the proposal to set it aside and bring up the rural credits bill.

## ALLEN DEFIES KLAN CHIEF TO HIS FACE

Kansas Governor Refuses to Be 'Converted' by Evans, Imperial Wizard.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.

The feud over the Ku Klux Klan reached a climax here to-night when the Imperial Wizard of the secret organization, H. W. Evans of Dallas, sought and secured an interview with one of the arch enemies of the Klan, Gov. Allen of Kansas.

Dropping all pretense of secrecy, the Klan leader sought out the Kansas Governor to convert him to a more favorable view of the Klan's purposes and activities. The meeting, which took place in Gov. Allen's room at the hotel, was arranged by Gutsen Borglum, the sculptor.

The Governor said after the conference that he "was not converted" and that he is still determined to fight the organization. The stand taken by Gov. Allen at the recent conference of Governors at White Sulphur Springs, when he said he would use all the legal powers of the State of Kansas to prevent the Klan from doing business in the State, caused Mr. Evans

to beard the lion in his den. If was said no sparks flew and that the conference took the form of an attempt by the Klan leader to persuade the Kansas Governor that the organization was meritorious.

To the protests of Gov. Allen that a secret organization of the character of the Klan had no place in America, it was said Mr. Evans replied that when the organization had attained its growth the secrecy and paraphernalia of secrecy might be dropped.

The mask of secrecy having once dropped, the spokesmen of the Klan were interviewed with the Attorney-General and members of Congress. His visit to Washington is regarded here as in the nature of a challenge to recent imputations of possible governmental activities against the Klan.

Gov. Allen is said to have told Evans he did not like the Klan nor any man connected with it and that every force at his command would be used to suppress it.

"I said to the Imperial Wizard, or whatever he is called, that the Klan is un-American and clandestine and that there is no place in the United States for such an organization or such sentiments," said Gov. Allen.

"I told him that the Klan is intolerant, furtive and not brave, that the hood and mask are used to conceal the identity of men engaged in a cowardly enterprise. He finally admitted to me that he does not consider the mask as being symbolic of the Klan and that he has some kind of a vague idea of doing away with it at some vague time in the future. He insisted that the Klan is not guilty of crimes which have been charged against it and that it has a purpose and will carry that purpose out."

"He insisted that the Klan is here to stay, and that it will go on forever. Nothing can be done, he said, to break up the organization."

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